

This record is a partial extract of the original cable. The full text of the original cable is not available.

S E C R E T CAIRO 005924

SIPDIS

NEA FOR FO, ELA  
S/WCI FOR AMB PROSPER AND RMILLER

E.O. 12958: DECL: 07/31/2015

TAGS: [PTER](#) [EG](#) [GTMO](#)

SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN GTMO DETAINEES - STATUS OF DISCUSSIONS

REF: CAIRO 5589 AND PREVIOUS

Classified By: CHARGE STUART E.JONES, REASONS 1.5 B AND D

1. (S) SUMMARY: In the context of the close and sustained cooperation between the USG and GOE on counterterrorism, Post believes that the written GOE assurances regarding the return of three Egyptians detained at Guantanamo (reftel) represent the firm commitment of the GOE to adhere to the requested principles. These assurances were passed directly from Egyptian General Intelligence Service (EGIS) Chief Soliman through liaison channels -- the most effective communication path on this issue. General Soliman's word is the GOE's guarantee, and the GOE's track record of cooperation on CT issues lends further support to this assessment. End summary.

#### EGYPTIAN ASSURANCES

2. (S) As stated in reftel, Post has received written assurances from the Egyptian General Intelligence Service (EGIS) regarding the acceptance and humane treatment of three Egyptians currently detained in Guantanamo:

-- Abdul Rahman Mohammed AL-MARZOUQ, ISN US9EG-00369DP;

-- Allah Muhammad SALEEM, ISN US9EG-00071DP;

-- Sami Abdul Aziz Salim ALLAITHY, ISN US9EG-000287DP.

Post believes that these assurances represent a firm commitment by the GOE to handle the matter in accordance with our stated principles. We recommend that the interagency consider approving transfer now on the basis of these assurances.

#### DIRECT CHANNEL

3. (S) Post has established that the most effective conduit for addressing this issue is through Cairo Station - EGIS Liaison. The written assurances (reftel) were passed directly from EGIS Chief General Soliman through this channel. General Soliman's stature and power in the Egyptian establishment, and his history of close cooperation with the USG on counterterrorism, corroborate the Egyptian intent take responsibility for the detainees in such a way that protects both U.S. and Egyptian security interests. In addition to the written assurances regarding the detainees treatment, EGIS has conveyed orally to Cairo station that all three will be taken into custody upon arrival in Egypt and will be investigated and prosecuted in accordance with Egyptian law.

4. (S) We understand the need for specific language on this matter. However, the danger of seeking specificity beyond what we have already received in EGIS' written assurances is that EGIS may decide to turn the case over to the MFA. MFA involvement will complicate the process and delay disposal of the cases.

Visit Embassy Cairo's Classified Website:  
<http://www.state.sgov.gov/p/nea/cairo>

You can also access this site through the  
State Department's Classified SIPRNET website.

JONES